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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: SHUM, OCON, PINR, HA
SUBJECT: OAS/GA: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH HAITIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS' ATTITUDES TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS MAY BE USEFUL IN PREPARATION OF BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR SECRETARY'S JUNE 15 MEETING WITH HIM.

2. BRUTUS CONSIDERED HIMSELF A FRIEND OF DR. FRANCOIS DUVALIER BUT ABHORRED THE DICTATOR'S RECOURSE TO VIOLENCE TO CRUSH REAL OR IMAGINED OPPOSITION. NOWADAYS HE COUNTS HIMSELF LUCKY THAT DUVALIER, KNOWING HIS VIEWS, ASSIGNED HIM ABROAD AS AMBASSADOR THROUGHOUT 60S, RECALLING HIM ONLY IN 1970 WHEN HE SAID, "THE POLICY IS GOING TO CHANGE; WE HAVE WON THE POLITICAL BATTLE, NOW WE MUST ORGANIZE". HAD BRUTUS BEEN IN HAITI, HE WOULD HAVE PROTESTED THE EXCESSES AND ASSUMES HE WOULD HAVE PAID THE PRICE FOR DOING SO.

3. BRUTUS REGARDS JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER AS GENUINELY OPPOSED TO USE OF VIOLENCE AND COMMITTED TO A STEADY COURSE OF LIBERALIZATION WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NEED TO AVOID PRECIPITOUS STEPS THAT WOULD UNDERMINE
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AUTHORITY OR CAUSE BACKLASH FROM OLD GUARD DUVALIERISTS. BRUTUS DOES NOT CONCEAL HIS DISTASTE FOR THE "MACOUTES" OR HIS PLEASURE AT THEIR RELEGATION TO OBSCURITY.

4. BRUTUS CONCEDES THAT RECENT EFFORTS IN HAITI'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES HAVE NOT BEEN MATCHED BY AN EFFECTIVE GOH PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY. ANY OBSERVATIONS

BY SECRETARY BEARING ON THIS POINT WOULD BE REPORTED TO
DUVALIER WITH PARTICULAR CARE.
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